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SUBJECT: KIEV PROPERTIES

1. SUMMARY - DURING KIEV VISIT AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 2, PORTER AND WHITE INSPECTED WORK AT FLORENTSIYA AND MET WITH RUDENKO. US REPS EXPLAINED EXPECTED VISIT SEPTEMBER 7 OF EMBASSY SPECIALISTS TO STUDY FINISHING OF LORENTSIYA, RUDENKO PASSED THEM DRAFT HOTEL MOSKVA ROOM LEASE CONTRACT (TEXT SEPTTEL). BRIEF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WAS SIGNED (TEXT BY POUCH). END SUMMARY

2. US INSPECTION OF FLORENTSIYA APARTMENTS SEPTEMBER 1 DISCLOSED THAT WALL FINISHING ALMOST COMPLETE, WIRING VIRTUALLY COMPLETE AND ROOM AND CLOSET DOORES BEING INSTALLED. AMERICAN REPS COMPLIMENTED RUDENKO OF UPDKK AND STEPANENKO, CONSTRUCTION ORGANIZATION PROJECT ENGINEER, ON QUALITY OF WORK BEING DONE (WHICH IS WELL ABOVE MOSCOW/LENINGRAD STANDARD).

3. DURING INSPECTION, PORTER AND WHITE NOTED VARIOUS DISCREPANCIES IN WORK AT FLORENTSIYA, SOME OF WHICH WERE QUICKLY SETTLED ON THE SPOT. MAJOR DISCREPANCY LIES IN APARTMENT B KITCHEN. SOVIETS DISCLOSED THAT DESIRED WINDOW PLACEMENT OF KITCHEN SINK IS NOT POSSIBLE DUE TO DRAIN LOCATION AT OTHER END OF ROOM. SOVIET REPS PROPOSED PLACEMENT OF SINK AT KITCHEN-LIVING ROOM WALL WHICH OF COURSE WOULD INTERFERE WITH CHANGED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DOOR LOCATION, AS AGREED IN AUGUST 27 MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING.

PORTER AND WHITE, WHO IS FUTURE TENANT IN APARTMENT B, HAVE CONCLUDED NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO ACCEPT SOVIET PLAN IN KITCHEN B. (EMBASSY FORWARDING DRAWING BY POUCH).

4. AMERICAN REPS OUTLINED TO RUDENKO EXPECTED VISIT TO KIEV SEPTEMBER 7-9 OF TWO BRITISH SPECIALISTS FROM EMBASSY TO STUDY FINISHING OF FLORENTSIYA.

5. AT US REPS REQUEST, SOVIETS AGREED TO REGULAR, TWICE-WEEKLY, US VISITS TO FLORENTSIYA WHICH WILL INCLUDE PRESENCE, AMONG OTHERS, OF SENIOR SOVIET ENGINEER-PLANNER YURKOV, WHO MET WITH KNOOP DURING HIS INSPECTION WORK SITE.

6. RUDENKO, RESPONDING TO EARLIER US REQUEST, PASSED US DRAFT LEASE FOR MOSKVA TEMPORARY OFFICE AND STAFF HOTEL ROOMS. DRAFT LEASE TERMS GENERALLY CONFIRM TO THOSE EARLIER AGREED TO IN PRINCIPLE. TEXT AND COMMENT FOLLOW IN SEPTEL. STOESEL

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